

Testimony in support of HB 5300 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS IN CHILDREN'S FOOD

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Members of the Committee on Children,

As a parent of four, a Certified Prenatal and Early Childhood Health Coach, and a Certified Birth Doula dedicated to promoting family health, **I urge you to support HB 5300.** I have been actively involved in the community sharing the rise in health issues connected with GMOs for over 5 years. This includes organizing events in communities that are concerned about the effects of GMOs and the factors contributing to chronic illnesses in families. In the last 5 years I have come to know of many scientific and medical experts who have done the research and believe that the introduction of GMOs and the application of pesticides and GMO-specific herbicides like glyphosate, have caused damage on the human endocrine system. This damage has led to chronic health conditions that were rare in my generation. We as parents want to make the best choices for our family's health and wellbeing. Being clear about the ingredients in our foods will give us the ability to do so.

These unnatural agricultural products disguised as food, treated with herbicides and pesticides should be labeled as such. We MUST insist that GMO foods be labeled. I urge you to make the ethical choice to support HB 5300.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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For more information:

<http://responsibletechnology.org/gmo-education/health-risks/>

<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2016/02/02/how-roundup-damages-mitochondria.aspx>

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/world-health-organization-wont-back-down-from-study-linking-monsanto-to-cancer/5439840>

<http://drhyman.com/blog/2010/10/22/the-toxic-triad-how-big-food-big-farming-and-big-pharma-spread-obesity-diabetes-and-chronic-disease-across-the-globe/>